

Question for written answer E-000297/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Interpretation of ‘established EU values’ in Erasmus+ project reviews by the European Education and Culture Executive Agency

In the context of Erasmus+ project reviews, the European Education and Culture Executive Agency is treating its interpretation of ‘established EU values’ as a compliance standard under the grant agreement, challenging certain viewpoints expressed in beneficiaries’ project activities and materials.

1. How does the Commission ensure that Erasmus+ grant agreements’ Article 14 on ethics and values is not interpreted by its executive agency in a way that effectively penalises organisations, such as World Youth Alliance Europe, for holding views that recognise the intrinsic human dignity of every person from conception, and that understand the family as a fundamental unit of society, and that uphold scientifically verifiable facts about the immutable biological characteristics of men and women?
2. Could the Commission confirm that such views fall within the scope of freedom of thought, conscience, religion and association under the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, and therefore cannot, in themselves, constitute a breach of EU values or grounds for ineligibility under Erasmus+?
3. What safeguards are in place to ensure that Article 14 is applied neutrally and is not used to impose alignment with non-binding political positions, strategies or resolutions not referenced in the grant agreement?

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